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Departure of the Engineer Unit from the Delius Kaserne in Potsdam

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On 3 July 1951, the first elements from the engineer unit in the Delius Kaserne in Potsdam were loaded at the railroad stations of Potsdam and Wildpark. At about 5 p.m., 48 rectangular and 15 bisected bridge sections (sic) were ready for loading at the Wildpark railroad station, while sections of wooden barracks were hauled to the station. A unit of 103 soldiers most of whom wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and some red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets, was seen marching from the Delius Kaserne to the Potsdam railroad station on 4 July. Fifty boxcars and 45 flatcars were ready to be loaded at the Potsdam railroad station at about 4 p.m. Ten trucks carrying pontoons and bridge-building equipment, 5 large and 2 small amphibious vehicles and 1 iron bridge were loaded at the Wildpark railroad station at 2:30 p.m. Several boxcars there were partly occupied by troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets, red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets. The quarters and garages west of the Delius Kaserne were vacated by about 3 p.m. on that day. Motor vehicles seen between the Delius Kaserne and the Potsdam railroad station from 3 to 5 July

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Comment, Reports previously indicated that the unidentified engineer regiment of the GDR was to be loaded for shipment. It is believed that the entire regiment, including the recruits with black-bordered crimson epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets, departed by rail.

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